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green, black-and-yellow-spotted caterpillars of the beautiful black yellow-spotted swallow-tail butterfly.

The Lepidoptera and Coleoptera take the lead in the number of destructive species, and it is hard to say which works most damage, as most of our cultivated plants appear to have enemies in both ranks, though the potato and sweet-potato are especially affected by beetles, and the cabbage and fruit-trees generally, by caterpillars. The Hemiptera, with Phylloxera, the Chinch-bug and the aphides, come next in destructive powers; the Diptera contribute several species, the Hymenoptera, though principally beneficial to man, furnish him with saw-fly enemies; and the one destructive locust enumerated is a host in himself. The work is printed in clear type and forms in all respects an attractive volume. —*W. N. L.*

U. S. FISH COMMISSION REPORT FOR 1879.—This stout volume is full of good material, whether piscicultural or zoölogical or botanical. Several excellent papers, purely scientific and yet of value in the connection in which they appear, are sandwiched in between the commissioner's own report and the chapters relating to fish-culture. The most important of these, and abundantly illustrated with excellent wood-cuts, are Professor W. G. Farlow's Marine Algæ of New England, and Professor A. E. Verrill's report on the Cephalopods of the north-eastern coast of America. A large proportion of the volume is devoted to translations from European authors, which will undoubtedly prove useful to pisciculturists in this country, though there are chapters by H. W. Mason, Livingston Stone and Charles G. Atkins on the propagation of salmon. These reports are doing great good in both a practical and scientific direction.

RECENT BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.—A system of Human Anatomy, including its medical and surgical relations. By Harrison Allen, M.D. Section I. Histology, by E. O. Shakspeare, M.D. Section II. Bones and Joints, by H. Allen, M.D. Philadelphia, 1882. From the author.

United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries. Report of the Commissioner for 1879. Washington, 1882. From the department.

The Mongoose on sugar estates in the West Indies. By D. Morris, M.A. Kingston, Jamaica, 1882. From the author.

Official Report on the Creston group of mines in the State of Durango, Mexico. By Professor Adolphe Rock. Philadelphia, 1882.

On Fishes Tails. By E. T. Newton, F.G.S. Reprint from the Journal of the Quekett Microscopical Club. London, 1882. From the author.

Camps in the Caribbees. The adventures of a naturalist in the Lesser Antilles. By Fred'k A. Ober. Boston, 1880.

Thèses présentées à la Faculté des Sciences de Lille, Université de France, pour obtenir le grade de Docteur ès Sciences Naturelles. Par Persifor Frazer, A.M., de Philadelphie. 1re Thèse: Memoire sur la Geologie de la parti sud-est de la Pennsylvanie. 2me Thèse: Propositions données par la Faculté. Lille, 1882. From the author.

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